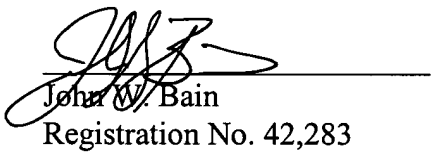
REMARKS

Claims 3, 15, and 18 are herein amended in order to more clearly define the present invention. The claim amendments are not necessitated by any prior art and do not create any *Festo* type estoppel. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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